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WASHINGTON LETTER.
From our Regular Correspondent.

Senators Jones, of Arkansas; Vest, of Missouri, and Mills, of Texas, the three good Democrats charged with the important duty of preparing the amendments to the Wilson tariff bill which are to be committed to the Senate Finance committee, have proven themselves giants and earned the gratitude of the country, which wants the tariff disposed of at the earliest possible moment, by completing their work, and as the other Democratic members of the Finance committee have kept in touch with them in their work it is altogether probable that the amendments reported by them will all be adopted by the committee and that the Wilson bill will be before the Senate before the close of this week. This breaks the record in committee work on tariff bills and is highly creditable to the men who did it, but there is another thing that is even more creditable to them. The bill they have reported will be supported by every Democratic Senator. The proposed amendments have not been made public, but they are all in one direction—that of increasing the revenue which the new tariff will produce. There are reasons for the belief that among the proposed amendments are a duty on coal, and on sugar, both raw and refined. The sub-committee made no change in the income tax. One of the principal reasons for largely increasing the revenue features of the tariff bill is that the Democratic Senators are opposed to any further issue of bonds and propose to place the Treasury in such a condition that no more will be needed.

Had the House not adjourned Saturday on account of the sudden death of Representative Houk, of Ohio, who dropped dead Friday afternoon while visiting a friend, it is probable that Representative Bland's bill for the coinage of the seigniorage in the Treasury would have passed today. That it will pass early this week is the general expectation. There is much talk about the bill being vetoed by President Cleveland, but it is admitted by those who say they expect it to be vetoed that their expectations are not based upon any information they have received from the President. There is also some talk about submitting the bill to a Democratic caucus and that may yet be done; not for the purpose of endorsing it but for the purpose of so changing it as to avoid the danger of a veto.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, who is chairman of the Senate committee on Foreign Relations, was at the time the annexation treaty was negotiated with the Representatives of the provisional government of Hawaii strongly in favor of annexation. For that reason it has been feared that

he might not agree with his Democratic colleagues—Senators Gray and Butler—On the sub-committee which has been making the investigation, as to the nature of the report to be made on the evidence taken by the sub-committee. I have just learned from a trustworthy source that those fears are entirely groundless, as the three Senators named are in accord and will all sign the majority report. The investigation is closed but the report may not be made to the Senate until after the tariff bill is passed.

The remains of the late Representative Houk, were accompanied to Ohio by a joint Congressional committee composed of the following: Representatives Hare, Springer, Bryan, Hulick, McKaig, Ellis, of Oregon, and Ritchie, and Senators Brice, Sherman Dubois, Hunton, Martin and Allen. Mr. Houk was much liked and the unexpected manner in which he died, while apparently in the best of health, has caused great sorrow among his colleagues and friends.

The House committee on the Judiciary does not take any stock in either the beauties or benefits of woman's suffrage, as was shown by its prompt action in making an unfavorable report on the resolution of Representative Bell, of Colorado, providing for a woman's suffrage amendments to the Constitution.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Democratic Congressional campaign committee Senator Faulkner, of West Virginia, was unanimously elected chairman and Lawrence Gardner and James L. Norris, of Washington, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Next week there is to be a joint meeting of this committee and the executive committee of the National Association of Democratic Clubs, for the purpose of arranging the campaign work of this year.

The House Naval committee has reported adversely the resolution asking for an investigation of the granting of speed premiums to the constructors of naval vessels. The report exonerates our naval officers and holds up to public scorn J. Hale Sypher, ex-Congressman and ex-carpet-bagger of La., and at present a lobbyist (and some say—something a shade or two blacker, who, the report says instigated the charge for his own purpose which it broadly intimates was to be bought off by the ship builders.

Yadkin Valley News: The man who dreams that the Democrats of Surry county are going to desert their party at this juncture will wake up in November and find that he allowed himself to be woefully deceived. They are not ready, to be shaken by every wind, but strong and sturdy men, loyal to their conviction. They are intelligent and know the Democratic party has had no more to do with bringing hard times on the country than it has with causing the sun to shine or the rain to fall.

WILSON BILL IN SENATE.

The sub-committee of the committee on finance, consist of Messrs. Jones, of Arkansas, Mills and Vest.

Speaking of the bill generally a Senator declared that when the measure was reported to the Senate it would be a strictly revenue bill, yielding satisfactory revenues for the government under an economical administration of affairs. This, he said, meant that there would be a duty on sugar, which was in line with the Democratic policy as enunciated in the Mills bill, and an increase in the whiskey tax.

The bill has been practically divided into five sections or schedules—A, B, C, D, and E. In the first schedule will be placed all articles bearing compound or combined specific and ad valorem duty and the remaining duties will be all ad valorem. In schedule B, will be placed an article bearing a duty of 40 per cent; in schedule C, those bearing 30 per cent; in schedule D, those bearing 20 per cent; and in schedule, E those bearing 10 per cent.

The bill when reported will contain no free list. Every article mentioned in it will be subject to a duty of some kind and those not named in the bill will be admitted free of duty. The sub-committee are going carefully through the Wilson bill and selecting the largely imported articles. As these articles are picked out they are placed in the schedule which, in the judgment of the committee, will cause them to yield the greatest revenue.

Our point appears very clearly as a result of the sub-committee's labors up to this point, and that is that the tariff bill when they will present to their Democratic associates on the finance committee for approval will bear very slight resemblance to the original Wilson bill. The reason for the extensive changes in contemplation and already made, it is to be found in the decision of the three sub-committees to be governed by the plan of old Walker tariff act, and so place the duties as to secure the largest amount of revenue which involves, of course reductions in some cases, increases perhaps in others, and a very restricted free list, if indeed any. Articles entering largely into consumption are permitted to enter duty free.

Capture of a Fishing Frog.
A curious denizen of the deep, captured by Landlord Stephen D. Barnes and his men while fishing in the Kill-von Kull, has been on exhibition at Bergen Point, N. J. Its mouth is nearly as wide as the head, which is very broad. Its body is narrow compared with the head, and tapers gradually to the tail. It is an inhabitant of the bottom of the sea, where it burrows in the mud. It is supposed to entice smaller fishes within reach of its great jaws by means of two long and tasseled tentacles, which it slowly waves to and fro. From

this belief the monster is known as the "angler," or "fishing frog."—San Francisco Chronicle.

Sound Sense For Girls.
New York Sun.

We all know the girl who writes: "I want to come to the city and earn my living; what chance have I?" She writes us from Timbuctoo and from the country town where we use to live ourselves. She can do "most anything, you know," to earn money, from painting a plaque to writing editorials on the eccentricities of the tariff, and the town where she was born and brought up in, where everybody calls her by her first name and likes her, where she has a sunny little room all to herself and a new gown whenever she cries for it, won't hold her any longer. Now here is an answer to that girl that a woman wrote who knew what she was talking about. There should be a special act of Congress passed providing that this letter should be printed, framed and hung in every country school house, every village seminary, every small city high school. The woman's name is Martha Everts Holden, and the ambitious girl of whom she writes had written to her:

"I felt like posting an immediate answer and saying 'Stay where you are.' I didn't do it though, for I knew it would be useless. The girl is bound to come and come she will. And she will drift into a third-rate boarding house, than which if there is any thing meaner let us pray. And if she is pretty she will have to carry herself on high hills to avoid contamination. If she is confiding and innocent the fate of that highly persecuted heroine of old-fashioned romance, Clarissa Harlowe, is before you. If she is homely the doors of opportunity are firmly closed against her. If she is smart she will perhaps succeed in earning enough money to pay her board bill and have sufficient left over to indulge in the maddening extravagance of an occasional paper of pins or ball of tape. What if, after hard labor and repeated failure, she does secure something like success? No sooner will she do so than up will step some dapper youth who will beckon her over the border into the land where troubles just begin. She won't know how to sew or bake or make good coffee, for such arts are liable to be overlooked when a girl makes a career for herself; and so love will gallop away over the hills like the riderless steed and happiness will flare like a light in a windy night.

"Oh! no, my little country maid, stay where you are if you have a home and friends. Be content with fishing for trout in the brook rather than cruising a stormy ocean for whales. A great city is a cruel place for young lives. It takes them as a cider press takes juicy apples, sun-kissed and flavored with the breath

of the hill and crushes them into pulp. There is a spoonful of juice to each apple, but cider is cheap. The girl of whose success you read is nine cases out of ten the girl with a friend at court who gives her the opportunity to show what she can do. Without such a friend the path of the lone girl in a great city is a briary, uphill track."

The First Question in Heaven.

God fills the earth and the heavens with grandmothers. We must some day go up and thank those dear old souls, writes the Rev. T. De Witt Talmage in the February Ladies' Home Journal. Surely God will let us go up and tell them of the results of their influence. Among our first questions in Heaven will be where is grandmother? They will point her out, for we would hardly know her even if we had seen her on earth, so bent over with years once, and now so straight, so dim of eye through the blinding of earthly tears, and now her eye as clear as Heaven, so full of aches and pains once, and now so agile with celestial health, the wrinkles blooming into carnation roses, and her step like the roe on the mountains. Yes, I must see her, my grandmother on my father's side, Mary McCoy, descendant of the Scotch. When I first spoke to an audience in Glasgow, Scotland, I felt somewhat diffident, being a stranger. I began to tell them that my grandmother was a Scotch woman, and there went up a shout of welcome which made me feel as easy as I do here sitting in my chair writing for the Journal. You must see those women of the early nineteenth century and the eighteenth century, the answer of whose prayers is in your welfare today.

God bless all the aged women up and down the land! Morning, noon and night let us thank God for our mothers and grandmothers.

Cherokee Skout: There came into this vicinity a few weeks since a tramp clock tinker. He was rather shabbily dressed, but a genial fellow, and went to the different houses on the waters of Hangingdog and wanted to repair their clocks for almost a song. He worked himself into the good graces of those honest and unsuspecting people, partook of their hospitality, drank buttermilk and ate sauerkraut, and lived like home-folks. He had to have a little moonshine whiskey for his health, and that was easy to come at. Finally he departed, to the regret of his newly-made friends. Later on there were four mounted men who rode into our midst. They had no plot, made no inquiry, but headed toward the illicit distilleries in a few miles of our town. Strange it was that these men could go directly to the remote places of business, but the mystery was explained when the clock tinker headed the posse.

One dollar pays for the Democrat one year.